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### **PDC FINES ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR FILING REPORTS LATE**

**Olympia** – Chair of the Public Disclosure Commission, Mike Connelly, issued civil penalties after finding seven elected officials in violation of state Public Disclosure laws during brief enforcement hearings held today in Olympia.

Chairman Connelly found that eight northwest Washington officials had not timely filed an annual Personal Financial Affairs Statement (Form F-1). State law requires elected officials and certain state appointed officials to file an F-1 with the Public Disclosure Commission by April 15<sup>th</sup> reporting financial activity for the preceding year.

Connelly stressed the importance of filing reports that disclose personal financial interests and holdings.

“These reports afford the public tangible proof that officials are acting in the public interest and not for their private gain,” Connelly said.

A letter reminding each official of his or her obligation to file was sent during the first week of May 2005. On June 4, a second letter with an opportunity to pay a civil penalty and forego an enforcement hearing was sent.

Government officials from northwest Washington who were assessed a penalty at the brief enforcement hearing were:

**Susan McCaull**, Director of Orcas Island School Dist. #137, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$100.

**Debbie Emery**, Council Member for the Town of Friday Harbor, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$100.

**Kevin Bloomfield**, City Council Member for the City of Granite Falls, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

**Derek Boyd**, City Council Member for the City of Sultan, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

**Joe Keeva**, City Council Member for the City of Coupeville, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

**Lisa Vares**, City Council Member for the City of Marysville, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

**Pamela Kutscher**, Director of Conway School Dist. #317, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$300.

**Aaron Reardon**, Snohomish County Executive, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

Officials found in violation at the hearing will have an opportunity to ask the full, five-member Commission to review the action taken by the Chair.

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